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## Camberwell Community Council



Notes from the meeting of Monday March 5 2007  
Council Chamber, Southwark Town Hall,  
Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

Issue no. 11

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### Issues at this meeting

- Camberwell leisure centre
- Southwark arbitration unit
- Volunteer Centre Southwark
- Bid to TfL for road/pedestrian improvements
- Denmark Hill stationmaster's house
- Drug & alcohol action team
- East Camberwell controlled parking zone

### Southwark arbitration unit

A new service for tenants and leaseholders in the borough, the Southwark arbitration unit, has been established to help resolve maintenance disputes and reduce litigation over these issues. This is a unique council service and is free. The unit can deal with disputes with the council over failure to repair council owned housing, missed appointments by council or contractors' workmen, breakdown of communal heating and hot water, and other maintenance issues.

For more information please ring the unit on 020 7525 7429

## Camberwell leisure centre

Following a meeting of the council's executive, the leisure centre will receive £1 million for essential works and maintenance, and a working party will be set up to consider the future of the leisure centre.

However, this decision has been 'called-in' by the overview & scrutiny committee, and the decision will be reviewed by the committee on Monday March 12 2007, at Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5 8UB. Residents are welcome to attend the meeting and many Camberwell councillors will also be there.

There will also be a public meeting on Wednesday March 14 2007 at 7pm at the United Reformed Church, Grove Lane, SE5 for residents to discuss the executive's decision and consider their response.

The spokesperson for the Friends of Camberwell Leisure Centre who attended the community council meeting expressed surprise that other leisure centres in the borough were receiving higher levels of investment. He also had concerns about the establishment of a community trust as this could mean cuts in funds after an initial investment had been made. He felt that the executive's decision should have been about the health and needs of the local community and that the executive was less interested in funding Camberwell leisure centre as it is situated almost on the border with Lambeth.

Camberwell community council meetings will have the leisure centre as an item on all forthcoming agendas until the issue is resolved.

### East Camberwell controlled parking zone (CPZ)

A presentation of the outcomes of the first round of consultation on the extension of the East Camberwell CPZ was provided to residents. Based on the responses received, it is proposed to expand the East Camberwell CPZ to include areas now used for displaced parking, and commuter parking including council officers working in the town hall.

For further information, please contact Tim Walker on 020 7525 2021 or email [tim.walker@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:tim.walker@southwark.gov.uk).



### Camberwell community council subgroups

Most of the subgroups have had their final meetings, and will report to the community council at the May meeting. The reports will be put together as a joint report to present to the executive in late May.



## Drugs & alcohol action team (DAAT) – move of day programme premises

Camberwell councillors expressed their concern at the move of a DAAT centre from the St Giles Centre to Badsworth Street. An agreement had been made to move premises used to treat drug and alcohol abuse out of Camberwell, as there is already a quite high concentration of facilities in the area. Karen Kibblewhite, DAAT, explained that while the 48 users where under probation orders, they only required substitute prescribing and they were 'not chaotic'.

Concern was also expressed at the lack of consultation prior to the move to the Badsworth Road premises, and local residents said they were unaware of the move. A report will come to the next community council meeting on how the consultation was carried out. The actual move into the new premises has been postponed, pending additional consultation as a direct consequence of the discussion of the proposal at the March community council meeting.

**For further information, please contact Karen Kibblewhite on 020 7525 7206 or email [daat.team@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:daat.team@southwark.gov.uk)**

## Environment & housing visual audit

As part of the 100 days of change, Southwark has changed the way it undertakes visual audits. There will be three types:

- Housing audits, held every two to four weeks per estate. Tenant & residents associations will be welcome to take part, and local councillors are invited. To find out more, please contact your tenancy services officer.
- ACTION area audits, held monthly. These will cover all areas outside estates. Council officers, councillors, residents, local business and other key stakeholders will complete the audit. For further information visit the Safer Southwark Partnership website [www.safersouthwark.gov.uk](http://www.safersouthwark.gov.uk) or call 020 7525 7248.
- Street leaders and junior street leaders. Three hundred and fifteen residents work in partnership with council staff. Street leaders report environmental problems and eye sores such as animal excrement, graffiti, fly tipping, etc. For further information, please contact Dave Taylor on 020 7525 2455 or email [dave.taylor@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:dave.taylor@southwark.gov.uk).

## The Active Citizens Hub at Volunteer Centre Southwark

If you have ideas about improving your community in Camberwell, or want to get involved in decision making and the community, the Active Citizens Hub at the Volunteer Centre Southwark (VCS) can help with advice and support, publicity and information about how things work.

The Active Citizens Hub offers training in public speaking, media and lobbying skills, time and stress management, and how to become a magistrate, school governor or charity trustee.

The VCS is also taking nominations for its Active Citizen Special Awards. These recognise commitment and excellence in active citizenship. There are six categories and winners will be announced at a special ceremony at the Hilton London Tower Bridge on Friday evening, May 4 2007.

Categories are:

- Citizen Governor Award
- Good Neighbour Award
- Community Activist Award
- Community Group Member Award
- View Giver Award
- Active Citizen of the Year Award

**Nominations close on Friday April 6 2007. You can nominate someone or make use of the Active Citizens Hub by ringing FREEPHONE 0800 0185 69, visiting the VCS website [www.volunteercentres.org.uk](http://www.volunteercentres.org.uk) or writing to Active Citizens Hub, Wrigglesworth House, 69 Southwark Bridge Road, London SE1 0NQ.**

## Bid to Transport for London for road/pedestrian improvements

Residents are asked to give transport planners their suggestions for improvements such as walking or school travel plans. If you made a suggestion in a previous year that was not taken up, it will be automatically considered along with new suggestions. Residents noted that home zones and Streets for People could now be put forward to TfL for funding.

**To contribute suggestions, please contact David Moffat on 020 7525 2295 or email [david.moffat@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:david.moffat@southwark.gov.uk)**

## The Denmark Hill stationmaster's house

The charity Groundwork Southwark is attempting to raise funds for the restoration of the stationmaster's house at Denmark Hill station, which is in the Camberwell conservation area. Already, the King's College Hospital NHS trust has informally agreed to use the restored building at a commercial rent. The house has been vandalised and is now at risk.

Groundwork Southwark has already successfully campaigned for funding to restore the main station building, which had been a subject of an arson attack; it is now the Phoenix (sic) public house.

The community council supports the restoration project.

**For further information, please email Steven Gauge at [steven.gauge@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:steven.gauge@groundwork.org.uk)**

